



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hiroko Abe et al.                      Art Unit : 1652  
Serial No. : 09/989,975                      Examiner : David J. Steadman  
Filed : November 21, 2001  
Title : NUCLEIC ACIDS, EXPRESSION VECTORS AND HOST CELLS FOR  
MAKING CHIMERIC NUCLEIC ACIDS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING  
IMMOBILIZED POLYPEPTIDES

**MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 15, 2004

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Deposit                      January 18, 2005

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                      *Judy Wasilkus*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate  
Judy Wasilkus